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SENATE RESOLUTION 1003

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF JULY 25, 2009 AS NATIONAL DAY OF
THE COWBOY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Arizona pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped
2 establish the American West; and
3 Whereas, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion,
4 respect, a strong work ethic and patriotism; and
5 Whereas, the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound
6 family values and good common sense; and
7 Whereas, the cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic
8 boundaries and political affiliation; and
9 Whereas, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its
10 creatures; and
11 Whereas, the cowboy lives off the land and works to protect and enhance
12 the environment; and
13 Whereas, cowboy traditions have been part of the American culture for
14 generations; and
15 Whereas, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy,
16 through the work of approximately 727,000 ranchers in all fifty states, and
17 contributes to the wellbeing of nearly every county in the nation; and
18 Whereas, annual attendance at professional and working ranch rodeo
19 events exceeds 27,000,000 fans, and the rodeo is the 7th most watched sport
20 in the nation; and
21 Whereas, membership and participation in rodeo and other organizations
22 that promote and encompass the livelihood of the cowboy span race, gender and
23 generations; and
24 Whereas, the cowboy is a central figure in literature, film, and music
25 and occupies a central place in the public imagination; and
26 Whereas, the cowboy is an American icon; and
27 Whereas, the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to
28 their communities should be recognized and encouraged.
29 Therefore
30 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:
31 That the Members of the Senate express support for the designation of
32 July 25, 2009 as National Day of the Cowboy, and encourage Arizona's citizens
33 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE JUNE 29, 2009.

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